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Direct legislation is the first thing to get into our internal politics. It has the right of way over all other reforms. It is the doorway through which Progress must pass from a selfish materialism to a civilization where the heart can and will balance and correct the evils of society and where equality will be the first, last and only rule of human conduct so far as government is concerned.—Eltweed Pomeroy.

### HIGH SCHOOL AND ITS WORK.

Tonight the Pendleton high school students appear in a drama, at the opera house.

The proceeds of the entertainment, after all expenses are paid, will be applied to the school library.

Two worthy objects can thus be aided by filling the seats for the students. Local talent and honest, conscientious effort to do something can be encouraged and the public school library can be strengthened and enlarged. Both objects deserve the highest consideration from Pendleton parents and public.

Not all of the best education a student receives comes from the textbook and the recitation room.

Wholesome, healthy employment after school hours adds a color to it. The developing minds must be occupied. If this occupation is not wisely directed outside the school room, their activity and associations may neutralize the tireless work of the teacher.

In the Pendleton public schools, let it be said with pride, school hours never end, so far as achieving some mental aim is concerned.

It is one of the strongest points of the present management to furnish subjects for work and thought, subjects for individual and collective improvement, subjects that elevate and finish the lessons of the text-book, out of school hours.

That the mental training of the students may be carried on, actual professions are taken up and conducted by the students under the management and direction of the principal.

The school journal was founded to furnish occupation for minds that cannot be idle. The students are its editors, business managers and directors.

In this seemingly insignificant work, business men and women are being unconsciously formed. From this beginning the future members of the Commercial Association, the future directors of banks, business houses and private enterprises will step into the busy circles of public life, prepared for their tasks.

This out-of-school work is completing the educational structures.

This drama has been rehearsed night after night, with a fixed object in view. Its production will be a business achievement worthy of the study of older members of society. This entertainment has occupied the time of students in a public spirited cause. The ideal in view is higher than idle amusement. It will enter more or less force into the lives and characters of the participants.

In the public school an orchestra has also been organized. The evenings are spent in learning something, in accomplishing something. The time that might be spent in idleness,

or what is worse—evil associations, is spent in mental advancement.

The useful and invaluable business training that is gained in these additions to the high school routine cannot be estimated. The work should be encouraged; the parents and the public of Pendleton should show their appreciation of it on every occasion.

The idea seems to prevail among the young members of the house that the more bills they can present the better they serve their constituency, they are flooding the desk of the clerk with masses of typewritten phrases and technicalities that will never get out of the committee rooms. The best part of a legislator's work is that which is confined to correcting old evils, instead of creating new ones. "De-legislation" is what is wanted. There are too many laws now. Simplify those we are now trying to obey but do not swell the list. Clean up the existing code; prune it down to the plain facts; trim it of its legal flourishes and make it a book of rules understood by all.

Every human being must give vent to the sporting proclivity of his nature. A man devoid of a thirst for excitement is only half a man. The gambler finds his ideal in that sport; the old race horse man finds his keenest moment of delight in the speed contest; the golf player, the theatergoer, the literary crank, the football expert, the social entertainer, the card party fiend, the traveler, the sportsman, the pugilist, are all following the call of their natures for excitement, for recreation, for stimulant and elixir that keeps the wheels of life moving.

The labor of the railway employees has not been in vain. The polished attorneys of the corporations have been turned down at last, by the legislature, and the fellow servant law passed. It will be a happy day for Oregon when a legislature can make laws in the interest of the common people with utter fearlessness of the powerful combines that have self-interest as a creed, a platform, an argument and a plea.

Mulkey's bill to leave the issuance of liquor licenses to a vote of the people of incorporated towns, is not wanted by the people. Municipal expenses are great enough now, without adding the cost of a liquor license election to them.

Senator Fulton, being familiar with seashore terms, is supposed to know when the "tide is going to turn." Geer, being a "land lubber," is perfectly excusable in his ignorance of the momentous occurrence.

Burleigh, of Wallowa county, has proven himself an equal in debate to Eddy, of Tillamook, who is the spokesman of the republicans in the house.

### CAUSE OF SOCIALISM.

Popular discontent may turn to wrong directions for relief, as it did in 1896; but it does not arise out of nothing. It has grounds in actual conditions of needless hardship or abuse. Untoward conditions always produce unrest, and it is the part of statesmanship to diagnose the case and prescribe the remedy. To expatiate as Harper's Weekly does upon the patient's temperature and respiration is the act of the incompetent practitioner. It would be more to the purpose to inquire what unnatural and unjust conditions have produced the abnormal situation, and seek to apply the cure.

The socialistic discontent of the American people is due to the inor-

minate accumulation of wealth and power through special privileges. The right way to reduce the complaint is to remove the offense. If this is not done, socialism is the certain but inferior remedy. You can cauterize the wound in time or wait and amputate the limb at leisure. The special privileges enjoyed by corporate wealth in the various forms of needless tariffs, secret transportation rates, stock jobbery under cover of statutory protection, and combinations in restraint of unrestricted and competitive trade, can be reached by law, and if they are not so reached, if organized wealth proves to be greater than the powers of statutes and courts as now existent there is no escape from the extreme remedy of government acquisition and control.

The will of a part of the people cannot be suffered to dominate the will of the bulk of the people. If the corporations prove stronger than the existing laws, the laws will be revolutionized so as to make the government, in law as in reality, stronger than the corporations.

The cause of the French revolution was not the passions of the Parisian populace. It was the hoary abuses of the imperial regime. The cause of the Reformation was not the rebellious spirits or recalcitrant priests. It was the pressure of the established order upon the lives and consciences of men. The cause of the Protectorate was not Cromwell's ambition. It was the miracle of the Stuarts. The cause of the American independence was not unruly colonists over here but parliament and king over there. Whatever measures in antagonism to entrenched power and wealth become necessary in the United States will be the product of abuses which have stirred a long patient people at last into revolt.—Monday's Oregonian.

Arthur M. Putnam, for 11 years a member of the Portland police force, died suddenly Thursday of heart trouble.

## SLOW-HEALING SORES

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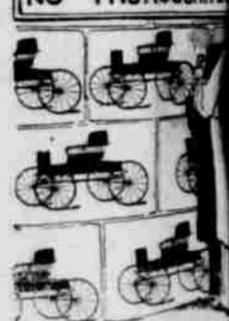


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